

## San Diego Junior Lifeguard "Hawaii Day" FUNraiser Wrap-up

On July 9, 2007, first session (500+) San Diego junior lifeguards swam, paddled, and ran the equivalent distance from San Diego to Hawaii. Mayor Jerry Sanders was the official starter for the event. On August 9, 2007, second session (500+) junior lifeguards swam, paddled, and ran the equivalent distance from Hawaii back to San Diego. The total distance traveled totaled over 5222 miles and the goal of the "Hawaii Day" FUNraiser was to raise money for four specific drowning prevention and aquatic programs

Prior to the event, the over 1000 junior lifeguards set personal goals in order to allow for proper planning for the event. They were then asked to contact family and friends to sponsor them based on their established goals. On the day of the event, all junior lifeguards accomplished their goals and became a part of history. This first annual event raised almost \$24,000!

The money raised will be divided equally between four needy programs and presented at a celebration event. The programs receiving the money are:

- Scholarships for San Diego Junior Lifeguards Program
- City Heights Learn to Swim for Free Programs
- Jackie Robinson YMCA Learn to Swim For Free Programs
- Muirlands Middle School inaugural 6<sup>th</sup> grade swim class taught at Coggan Family Aquatic Complex

Almost 750 San Diegans donated and overhead costs were less than 2%. The San Diego Junior Lifeguard Program is proud to have partnered with the other programs and we look forward to future exciting public/private events to support critical drowning prevention and aquatic programs.